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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Pierre JEANVOINE

SERIAL NO: 09/381,631

FILED: March 1, 2000

FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MELTING AND REFINING MATERIALS CAPABLE OF BEING VITRIFIED



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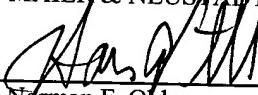
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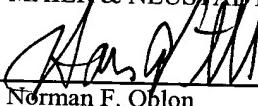
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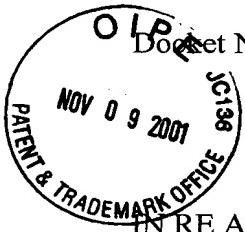
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-37.

Please add the following new claims:

38. (New) Process comprising supplying all or part of the thermal energy necessary
for melting vitrifiable materials by injecting a combustible mixture comprising at least one
fuel and at least one oxidizer gas, or gaseous products resulting from combustion of the
combustible mixture, below the level of the mass of said vitrifiable materials, and melting

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